

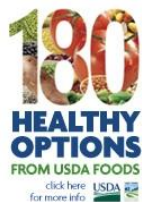


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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs Shipment 4 October 2015



USDA FOOD Shipment 4 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition website under Commodity Information. This website is located at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. Please remember the schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability.

Extra items for schools with entitlement money left:

Strawberry, slices	30#	(805)	\$34.93
Strawberry cups	96/4.5 oz	(779)	\$45.96
Tomato paste	6/#10	(557)	\$23.07
Ground beef	4/10#	(416)	\$122.02
Cheese, mozz	30#	(391)	\$62.35
Mixed fruit	6/#10	(369)	\$37.87
Flour, whole wheat	8/5 lb	(332)	\$9.20
Turkey deli breasts	4/10#	(301)	\$115.69
Eggs, frozen	6/5#	(281)	\$91.22
Applesauce	6/#10	(252)	\$19.94
Pears, canned	6/#10	(232)	\$32.25
Tomatoes, diced	6/#10	(144)	\$13.65
Spaghetti, WG	2/10#	(65)	\$7.83
Pancakes, frozen	144/case	(53)	\$8.69
Blueberries	30#	(50)	\$26.63
Applesauce cups	96/4.5oz	(43)	\$17.94
Peanut butter	6/5#	(34)	\$29.99
Chicken fajita strips	6/5#	(26)	\$50.78
Tortillas, frozen	12/24/case	(18)	\$16.47
Ham, sliced	8/5#	(15)	\$66.40
Broccoli, frozen	30#	(10)	\$36.19
Vegetable oil	6/1 gal	(4)	\$33.27
Beans, refried	6/#10	(1)	\$17.06
Beans, green	6/#10	(1)	\$15.19

The amounts listed in parenthesis are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

Newsletter is Online, Too!

Please remember all issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

USDA Food Update

MOVING ON SHIPMENT SCHEDULE:

Chicken Tenders and Black Beans

Due to the Avian Flu, Pilgrim's Pride has a shortage on certain ingredients they need to make the breeding on their chicken tenders. The schools that ordered chicken tenders for commodity processing will be getting their first shipment orders on shipment 4, but Pilgrim's Pride could not provide us with our state chicken tenders until shipment 5. So, in short, the chicken tenders will be moved to shipment 5 on the schedule.

Because of this, the black beans have been moved from shipment 5 to shipment 4 to even out the loads.

Please let Tessa Bailly know at tbailly@mt.gov if you have any questions.

REMINDER - CANCELLED: FROZEN CORN

This was the message that was received from the USDA Food Distribution office in Washington D.C. regarding the frozen corn:

"The following order was not awarded due to the maximum being met by the vendor. Since this contract is done for the year this order will not be resolicited and will be cancelled. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks."

DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

You NEED to order 10 days in advance from when you want your product delivered *and* pick the delivery day for which you receive your Sysco deliveries. In other words, if your delivery day is on Mondays then you need to order 10 days out from the Monday you want your order delivered.

After you receive each order, you will need to go back into FFavors and receipt it.

If you are new or having trouble accessing the FFavors website, please let Tessa Bailly know at 406-444-4412 or tbailly@mt.gov so she can help get an account set up for you.

Celebrate Farm to School This October!



October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections that are

happening between schools and local food producers. There are many great ways to celebrate Farm to School Month, whether you are a student, teacher, parent, food service director, farmer, or community member. It is a perfect time to go on a farm field trip, serve a Montana meal, or host a school garden open house.

For more information and to download a Farm to School Month guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.

Let's Hear Your Crunch, Montana!



Join preschools, schools, colleges, and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on October 26 at 2 p.m. MST.

For more information about Montana Crunch Time, to register, and receive your guide, visit opi.mt.gov or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.

Administrative Reviews

The Montana Office of Public Instruction provides vision, advocacy, support, and leadership for schools and communities to ensure that all students meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

OPI School Nutrition Programs reviews the administrative practices of sponsors on a three year cycle. The administrative review schedule for the year has been posted. Please check to see if you are on the schedule by going to the OPI School Nutrition website: http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/15_16ARSchedule.pdf

Webinar Series - Montana's Smarter Lunchrooms

Montana Team Nutrition is hosting five 30-minute webinars to help participants make steps toward smarter lunchrooms. School nutrition professionals can receive 2.5 hours of continuing education and will learn:

- how making simple low/no cost changes to existing school lunchrooms lead students to eat better without knowing it;
- how Montana schools are stepping it up to design their cafeterias to nudge students to make healthier choices;
- customer service and marketing best practices to motivate students to select healthful items and decrease waste; and
- steps to take in successfully applying for a USDA HealthierUS School Challenge/Smarter Lunchroom award.

The first three webinars are scheduled for the fall.

Montana's Smarter Lunchroom: Helping students eat better, choose healthier and waste less;
October 6 from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

For registration information, please go to this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3429360643511912450>

Discover the HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchroom Award;
November 3 from 2-2:30 p.m.

For registration information, please go to this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4767943482563120642>

Montana Smarter Lunchrooms: Tips for a fast, friendly, and satisfying service line;
November 10 from 2-2:30 p.m.

For registration information, please go to this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2721149810900009986>